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## **Registering a Domestic Partnership**

### The Application Process

The Town of Arlington is registering domestic partnerships by asking all partners to appear in person at the Office of the Town Clerk and to produce identification for all parties prior to signing the Statement of Partnership.

Partners may complete and sign the application form prior to the visit and mail a copy or email a scan or photo to the Town Clerk's Office before they come in person to sign the final document. Partners may also complete the application in person and we can create the final document in the same visit. If a partner is not available to appear to appear in person, they may request provisions be made for forms to be witnessed by a notary.

The Statement of Partnership will be registered on the date the completed and signed form is received by the Town Clerk.

The fee for filing a domestic partnership is \$30 and includes one certified copy of the Statement of Partnership. Additional certified copies are \$10 each. All fees payable in cash or by check/money order payable to the Town of Arlington.

### Information about Domestic Partnerships

To enter into a domestic partnership in Arlington, all partners must jointly proclaim under the pains and penalties of perjury that:

- (1) They have made a commitment of mutual support and caring for their domestic partners;
- (2) They reside together and intend to do so indefinitely;
- (3) They share basic living expenses;
- (4) They are at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (5) They are competent to enter into a contract; and
- (6) They are not married to anyone or related to each other by blood closer than would bar marriage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Being related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts means that you may not enter in a domestic partnership with certain relatives, including any parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, parent's spouse, grandparent's spouse, child's spouse,

grandchild's spouse, partner's parent, partner's grandparent, partner's child, partner's grandchild, sibling, sibling's child, or parent's sibling.

No person may file a new statement of domestic partnership until any previous domestic partnership they were a member of has been effectively terminated.

The death of a Domestic Partner should be reported to the Town Clerk and the appropriate amendments or terminations forms filed.

Domestic Partnerships can be terminated by filing of a Termination Statement with the Town Clerk as follows:

- Termination of a domestic partnership is effective ninety (90) days after the Termination Statement is filed with the Town Clerk.
- The partner(s) filing the Termination Statement must declare under the pains and penalties of perjury that any other domestic partners were notified in person or by mailing a copy to the other partners' last address by certified mail.
- The partner filing must appear in person to sign the Termination Statement in front of the Town Clerk.